REMARKS

Applicant gratefully acknowledges the Examiner's findings of the allowable conditions of Claims 3-9, 12-14, and 17-20 if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

I. Claim Objections

In the Office Action, the Examiner has objected to Claims 1-2, 10-11 and 15 due to certain informalities. Applicants have amended these Claims in accordance with the Examiner's suggestions. Thus, Applicants respectfully submit that the Examiner's objection to the above Claims has been effectively traversed. Such action is earnestly solicited.

II. Rejections Based on 35 U.S.C. §103(a)

In the Office Action, the Examiner has rejected Claims 1-2, 10-11, and 15-16 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as allegedly being anticipated by Bazarjani, U.S. Patent 6,137,321.

Applicant respectfully disagrees with the Examiner's conclusions. However, in order to expedite prosecution of the subject patent application, Applicant has amended Claim 1 to include the language of Claim 6. Thus Claim 1 is now Claim 6 in independent form. Since the Examiner has indicated the allowable condition of Claim 6, Applicant respectfully submits that Claim 1 and all Claims based on Claim 1 are now in condition for allowance.

Applicant has also amended Claim 8 to include the language of

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the base Claim and all intervening Claims. Thus Claim 8 is now in independent form. Since the Examiner has indicated the allowable condition of Claim 8, Applicant respectfully submits that Claim 8 and all Claims based on Claim 8 are now in condition for allowance.

Applicant has amended Claim 10 to include the language of Claim 13. Thus Claim 10 is now Claim 13 in independent form. Since the Examiner has indicated the allowable condition of Claim 13, Applicant respectfully submits that Claim 10 and all Claims based on Claim 10 are now in condition for allowance.

Applicant has amended Claim 14 to include the language of the base Claim and all intervening Claims. Thus Claim 14 is now in independent form. Since the Examiner has indicated the allowable condition of Claim 14, Applicant respectfully submits that Claim 14 and all Claims based on Claim 14 are now in condition for allowance.

Applicant has amended Claim 15 to include the language of Claim 18. Thus Claim 15 is now Claim 18 in independent form. Since the Examiner has indicated the allowable condition of Claim 18, Applicant respectfully submits that Claim 18 and all Claims based on Claim 18 are now in condition for allowance.

Applicant has amended Claim 19 to include the language of the base Claim and all intervening Claims. Thus Claim 19 is now in independent form. Since the Examiner has indicated the allowable condition of Claim 19, Applicant respectfully submits that Claim 19 and all Claims based on Claim 19 are now in condition for allowance.

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III. Conclusion

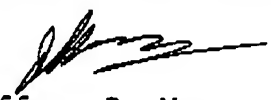
Applicants respectfully submit that Applicants' claimed invention is deserving of patent protection because it describes a useful and functioning circuit and method which are patentably distinguishable over the prior art.

In conclusion, Applicants respectfully submit that this Amendment Letter, including the amendments to the Claims, and in view of the Remarks offered in conjunction therewith, are fully responsive to all aspects of the objections and rejections tendered by the Examiner in the Office Action. Applicants respectfully submit that they have persuasively demonstrated that the above-identified Patent Application, including Claims 1-5, 7-12, 14-16 and 19-20 are in condition for allowance. Such action is earnestly solicited.

If the foregoing does not place the case in condition for immediate allowance, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned for purposes of a telephone interview.

If there are any fees incurred by this Amendment Letter, please deduct them from our Deposit Account NO. 23-0830.

Respectfully submitted,



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